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**Your Excelency,**

We the following delegates of the over one million participants of the "**Sindhi National Protest Long March**" which began from Ghanta Ghar Sukkur on 6th december ,1991 and has just ended before the Sindh Governor's House ,Karachi,today the 2nd of January ,1992, hereby present on behalf of the people of Sindh the following Memorandum of our national grievances for your favourable consideration,appropriate,just and prompt action:-

1. The Government of Pakistan has announced its intention to construct the *Kala Bagh Dam*.

2. This Dam,if constructed ,will ruin *Sindh* and *PakhtoonKhwa*.Both the *Sindhi* and *Pakhtoon* peoples have been opposing this project since years but the Government has not yet declared that this project has been abandoned.This has caused and is causing great apprehension in the minds of *Sindhi* people,just as it is causing apprehension in the minds of our *Pakhtoon* Brothers.

3. Similiarly the Government of Pakistan has declared that it is going to "*repatriate starnded Pakistanis*", form the Islamic People's Republic of *Bangladesh*.As we all know repatriation means being returned to one's place of birth .These **Biharis** have never even once set their foot on the soil of what is now Pakistan.They were immigrants from India who had chosen to take refuge in what is now Bangladesh and have

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and are holding the present minority government at gun-point on account of the latter's total dependence on their support. Consequently the Sindh government is brazenly acting as a puppet in their hands.

9. This group is firmly believed by the Sindh people to consist of terrorists responsible for innumerable inhuman crimes including lootings, arsons, mutilations and murders against the people of Sindh including the people who speak *Punjabi, Pushto, Balochi* and *Urdu*.

10. They have used the powers of Provincial government to turn out thousands of Sindhis from their services. They have appointed in violation of standing rules thousands of terrorists in important posts of government.

11. They have made it impossible for Sindhi students to study in educational institutions in the capital of Sindh-Karachi.

12. They have bulldozed the Sindhi villages and turned out of their hearths and homes thousands of Sindhis living in centuries old villages.

13. They have unlawfully got the second phase of the census in Sindh stopped and are trying to have the actual census figures tempered with and changed in their favour so as to show Sindhis to be minority in Sindh with a view to usurp political power of Sindhi people and to enslave them.

14. They have made *SINDH* Government to write away the water and financial resources of Sindh.

15. They have set up private as well as state-run torture centres like *CIA* torture centre to torture Sindhi political workers who are being black-mailed for their political views and commitments with threats that unless they change their views and commitments they will be dubbed as "*Alzulfiqar*" people, subjected to tortures and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment and even death. They have turned whole of Sindh into a vast prison



and torture centre. Even oldmen are being dubbed as "Alzulfiqar" people. Frame-ups are the order of the day.

16. Thousands of licences for dangerous firearms have been granted to legalize illegal weapons held by terrorists who have already committed innumerable crimes with these weapons.

17. Every now and then frame-up is arranged and thousands of people are arrested, tortured and made to rot in jail. State terrorism has reached dimensions inconceivable in the entire post-independence history of Sindh.

18. Public representatives are abducted, involved in false cases and made to change loyalties.

19. Democratic process has been turned into a mockery. Provincial autonomy has become a laughing-stock of the whole country.

20. The problem of decoits is becoming more grave day by day. People can not sleep in their homes. The roads are deserted even before sun-set. Whole sale abductions are the order of the day. Gang and tribal wars have been made to start. Tribes are set up against one another. People can not cultivate their lands. Villages are deserted. Towns and highways are entirely unsafe. Everywhere there is lawlessness, fear, apprehension, insecurity, nobody knowing what is going to happen to him the next day, the next moment. Value of life has been devalued. Sindh the birth place of the sweet songs of *Shah Abdul Latif* has become a place of fear, fear for one's life, property and honour. Rapes have become common as they have never been. A reign of terror has been let loose upon the people of Sindh.

21. Our compatriots in the other provinces have very little, if any, and very distorted idea of the agony in which their Sindhi brothers find themselves to-day at the hands of the unholy alliance of the establishment, the ethnic terrorists- turned-rulers, the state terrorists, the decoits and the waderas directly or indirectly dominating

most of the political machinery in SINDH. This is mostly because the so-called national *Urdu* and *English* press is tightly controlled by the ethnic terrorists through terror, extortion and their men occupying key positions in the 'national' press at Karachi. Every word falling from the mouths of the terrorists has to be published as gospel with all the commas, colons and full stops intact, on pain of brutal reprisals against the guilty press men.

Every thing else is censored almost word by word. However, the fiery provocative orations of the *Sindhi agents-provocateurs* in the employment of the establishment are required to be published prominently so that Sindhis be 'proved' to have been trained and armed to the teeth by 'the enemy on borders', spoiling for a blood-bath and on the verge of open revolt unless Martial Law is imposed immediately and military action of the type under taken in *East Pakistan* foils the whole 'plot' and so that every one may realize how necessary every brutality and injustice perpetrated by the unholy anti-Sindhi alliance against the Sindhi people is in "the national interests."

22. The Sindhi people earnestly believe that all this is not just accidental, that it is the result of well-planned operation which began from the very first day of the foundation of Pakistan. Everything that is happened and is happening points to this conspiracy, the object of which could only be to destroy Sindhi nationality as such and usurp their homeland Sindh by turning them into a petty minority in their own homeland without their rights of property, life, peace and security.

23. In pursuance of this sinister conspiracy, Sindh has been treated from the very first day of Pakistan as an owner-less abandoned piece of waste-land open to anyone who may like to come and grab it, as if there were no existing historical property rights over the territory of Sindh, as if countless generations of ours had not laid down their lives to protect their right over each and every inch of this territory, as if our forefathers had not fought against the *Greeks*, the *Arghuns*, the *Tarkhans*, the *Mughals*, the *British* and as if we the people of Sindh, were merely sojourners on this territory of ours having no



permanent and exclusive rights over this our territory, any body who might like to do so, having the right to grab this land, its villages, towns and cities at his pleasure and, if he could muster a sufficiently large number of illegal encroachers, having the licence to reduce the Sindhi people into a petty minority.

24. Arbitrarily using the state legislative and administrative machinery, lands, towns and cities of Sindhi people were snatched from them through black confiscatory evacuee laws. In fact the era of Pakistan for Sindhis began with the usurpation of their most valuable national property viz the city and port of Karachi.

25. This was followed by the usurpation of lakhs of acres of most of their fertile barrage lands during *one unit* forcibly imposed in 1954. Succeeding Martial laws were invariably used to plunder, humiliate and torture the Sindhi people.

26. Through draconian laws like **EBDO** and the kind of humiliating, cruel and in-human treatment meted out to ex-Prime Minister *Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto* and through the brutal tortures and lengthy incarcerations inflicted upon the Sindhi political workers, patriotic Sindhi political leaders and workers have all along been terrorized and held at gun-point so that none may dare to stand up against all the injustices perpetrated against the people of Sindh.

#### **Your Excellency,**

27. As the whole world knows, we the people of Sindh are inheritors of one of the most ancient great civilizations of the world - the *Moen-Jo-Daro Civilization*. Our homeland Sindh is a well-known and time-honoured name in the history not only of the sub-continent but also of the world. We attained state-hood many centuries before some of the foremost states of the modern world. The kings of Sindh are prominently mentioned in the greatest ancient epic of the world the *Maha Bharta*.



28. In Sindh ,on the storied banks of the river *Hakra* alias *Sarswati* ,were written the beautiful hymns and sweet songs which ,when collected ,became known as *Rigveda* ,honoured as the first Ved or the first heavenly book of the people of the indian sub-continent.

29. Sindhi language has been acknowledged and favourably compared with the other languages of the sub-continent by such world known scholars as *Moulana Roumi* in verses like following:-

سندیان را اصطلاح سند مدح  
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"The Sindhi Language is as becoming to the Sindhis as the Indian Languages are becoming for the Indians"

30. In fact for many centuries Sindh has been treated at par with India as evidenced by the term " **والہند**

**السند** "(Sindh and India) employed by the Arab and Central Asian Geographers, Historians and Scholars.

31. Sindh the five thousands years old historical homeland of the Sindhi people has been industriously developed and valiantly defended by the Sindhi people against all comers. A glance at history will be enough to show that Sindhis have never objectly surrendered before any invaders, not even before such world -conquerers as *Alexander the Great* .Our state leaders have always chosen to perish on the battle field rather than to bend their knees before the invaders and become their tools against their own people and compatriots.

32. History also teaches us that our people never ceased to resist the invaders in spite of all odds tills he was evicted like *the Greeks, the Arabs, the Arghuns, the Tarkhans ,the Mughals and the British*.

33. Our people played a prominent role in the formation of Pakistan. Had Sindhi people not consented to join the proposed state of Pakistan there would have been no Pakistan as we now know it. Even otherwise what chance would there have been for a land-locked Pakistan

without a fine sea-port like Karachi? It was a Sindhi *Quaid-e-Azam mohammad Ali Jinnah* ,who founded Pakistan and it was the province of Sindh which first passed the Pakistan Resolution in its Provincial Assembly.

34. We Sindhis were first introduced to Islam not by the marauders and professional looters and killers belonging to nominally converted semi-barbarian ferocious *Turkish tribes of Central Asia* , in open revolt against the World Islamic Centre of Baghdad, but by civilized Arabs who inspite of all distortions and mis-uses of religion evidenced during civil wars and wars of sheer conquest ,still retained some of the noble traits of generosity and nobility and a rough and ready spirit of democracy and egalitarianism which dominated the early era of Islamic movement.

35. One of the two earlieast centres of Arabic-Islamic learning and culture in the Sub-continent - *Mansoorah*-flourished in Sindh till its destruction by the Central Asian Invaders.

36. Consequently we Sindhis have never been over-fond of religious dogmatism ,fanaticisism,obscurantisim,jingoism and wars of national aggression ,at the hands of which ,we have suffered cruel operation for centuries.

37. The finest achievements of our people have been mainly productive ,spiritual and cultural centuries of brute physical force and spiritual repression have not succeeded in breaking our progressive spirit and changing our democratic and humane approach to life,our national dedication to peace and approach and brotherhood of mankind.

38. We Sindhi people struggled for and helped achieve Pakistan because we were promised a better ,more prosperous ,more humane quality of life.

39. What has happened, however ,is that from the first day of Pakistan has begun the stage-by-stage



implementation of a long term plan to dispossess and disinherit us of our lands and villages,towns and cities ,our sources of livelihood ,our water,our civil liberties,our democratic,political, national and human rights,the sanctity of our homes,our lives,our honour,our right internally to rule our own five thousands year national homeland,our very national existence.

40. We the participants of " **Sindhi National Long March**" hereby protest against this state of affairs on behalf of the entire sindhi people and demand the following:-

1. That the project to construct the Kala Bagh Dam and to turn Sindh into a desert be officially declared to have been given up.
2. Government of Sindh declare that it does not accept the construction of the Kala Bagh Dam and would resist if any attempt is made to construct it.
3. The Government of Pakistan declare that it is not going to bring Biharis to any part of Pakistan.
4. Violation of human rights in Sindh should stop.Torture centres set up by ethnic terrorists -turned-rulers and police ,CIA and rangers should be ordered to be closed.Those who have tortured people should be punished.Those tortured should be adequately compensated.Torture including that against political opponents of the government should be explicitly forbidden and any one found violating the orders should be dismissed from service and challaned in competent courts of law for due punishment.Explicit orders should be issued to the police and other agancies concerned that human rights of all citizens should be respected and protected and violations be punished.
5. People who have been arbitrarily ousted from government service should be restored to their services.
6. The illegal appointments made by the terrorists during the existence of ban on employment should be

cancelled forthwith and deserving people be appointed against these posts.

7. The label of "Alzulifiqar" should not be used maliciously as a means of black-mail against political workers and peaceful citizens.

8. That effective administrative and political steps be taken to root out decoity and peace be restored the villages and towns of Sindh.

9. The Government of Pakistan, Census Commission and Government of Sindh declare that the census figures obtained so far shall be accepted and not changed and that the second phase of census will be started soon.

**We are,**

Your Excellency,

Sincerely Yours,

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| 1. Rasul Bux Palijo.  | President Awami Tahreek             |
| 2. Syed Alam Shah     | S. V. President Awami Tahreek       |
| 3. Nizam Baloch       | S.Gen Awami Tahreek                 |
| 4. Lakhano Bahrani    | V. President Awami Tahreek          |
| 5. Mumtaz Nizaman     | President Sindhiyani Tahreek        |
| 6. Mohd.Khan Bhurgari | President<br>Sindhi Mazdoor Tahreek |
| 7. Gul Hassan Keerano | Sec. Gen. Sindhi Hari Tahreek       |
| 8. Zahida Shaikh      | Sec. Gen. Sindhiyani Tahreek        |
| 9. Hadi Bux Bhatt     | S .V.PSindhi Mazdoor Tahreek        |
| 10. Abdul Qadir Ranto | President Sindhi Hari Tahreek       |
| 11. Rafique Leghari   | Member C.C.S.S Tahreek              |
| 12.Aakash Ansari      | Deputy Sec.Gen. Awami Tahreek       |
| 13. Sultan Memon      | Sec. Gen Sindhi Mazdoor Tahreek     |
| 14.Noor Nabi Rahujo   | President Sindhi Shagrid Tahreek    |



15. Qadir Brohi President Sindhi Itthad Karachi Div
16. Shama Bhatti S.V.P Sindhiani Tahreek
17. Khair-ul-nissa Khoso Convenor : Sindhi Girls  
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18. Shamim Talpur Member C.C Sindhiani Tahreek
19. Mumtaz Bhand Sec.Gen Sindhi Shagrid Tahreek
20. Vishno Mal Press Sec. Sindhi Hari Tahreek
21. Naila Shah Member C.C (SGSO)
22. Nusrat Nizamani Member (SGSO)
23. Mushtaque Rajpar President Sujjag Bar Tahreek
24. Sachal Bhatti Sec Gen. Sujjag Bar Tahreek (SBT)
25. Aneeta Shah Convenor Sindhi Sujjag Bariron  
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26. Bakhsh Ali Bhand Member Awami Tahreek
27. Hameed Shaikh J. Sec: Sindhi Shagrid Tahreek
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